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## §15–138.

- (a) To the extent that funding is available in the State budget, the Maryland Department of Health shall implement the Employed Persons with Disabilities Program by July 1, 2005.
- (b) The purpose of the Employed Persons with Disabilities Program is to encourage individuals with disabilities to seek or maintain employment.
- (c) (1) The Secretary shall adopt regulations that develop specific eligibility criteria for participation in the Employed Persons with Disabilities Program.
- (2) Prior to adopting the regulations required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Department shall:
- (i) Consult with the Coalition for Work Incentives Improvement; and
- (ii) Give preference to the recommendations for eligibility criteria developed by the Coalition.
- (d) At least every 3 years after the adoption of the regulations required under subsection (c) of this section, the Department shall review the regulations in consultation with the Coalition for Work Incentives Improvement.

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